CASE STUDY 1

Arthrodesis is used to treat arthritis, deformity, instability, or pain in the ankle and hindfoot. Although this procedure is the most commonly used technique to treat end-stage ankle arthritis, reported success rates vary widely. A bone grafting option for arthrodesis is autograft. Autograft bone can provide the osteoconductive, osteoinductive and osteogenic properties needed for successful bone fusion; however, the retrieval of the autograft can cause pain and site-morbidity to patients. ViviGen provides all three of these properties using viable lineage-committed bone cells. ViviGen contains viable cortico-cancellous bone matrix, cortico-cancellous chips, and demineralized bone and preclinical studies have suggested bone cells might improve fusion over mesenchymal stem cells by providing better bone deposition while remaining in the defect site longer.

The following describes the use of ViviGen to treat a challenging ankle deformity case.

Patient

• A 60 year old former smoker, male patient taking NSAIDs and blood pressure medication
• Complained of pain, instability, and degenerative joint disorder in right ankle that had been present for two years
• Failed conservative treatments include corticosteroid injection, bracing, and physical therapy

Procedure

• Arthrodesis was undertaken to correct a varus deformity (Figs. 1&2)
• Severe joint loss with ankylOsing and posterior subluxation of talus was observed
• 5 cc of ViviGen was used

Results

• Fusion was achieved by eight weeks
• Preoperative moderate pain decreased to no pain by eight weeks
• Patient was full weight bearing at four weeks with a boot and discontinued boot use at eight weeks

Conclusion

• Patient was satisfied and no complications were observed
• Arthrodesis using ViviGen was successful at inducing fusion within 8 weeks (Figs. 3&4)

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Ankle and Hindfoot Arthrodesis Using ViviGen® Cellular Bone Matrix

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